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# INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND CERTIFICATION

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Attached are copies of one Japanese patent document, one English-language article and one European patent document, which were first cited in the attached European Search Report, dated June 10, 2008, which was issued in connection with the European patent application No. 04808082.4. Also attached is an English-language abstract and translation of the Japanese patent document from which any relevance of the document can be gleaned. The documents and the article are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Also listed for consideration on the Form PTO-1449 is a U.S. patent, which was also cited in the European Search Report. Any relevance of this U.S. patent is self-evident.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before a first Office Action on the merits, no fee is required, and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 are deemed to be fully met as to all listed documents. Consideration of the listed documents is respectfully requested.

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